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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6046
INFO AMEMBASSY LONDON
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AMEMBASSY BRIDGETOWN
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UNCLAS BUENOS AIRES 4462

FOR EMBASSY CAPETOWN

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: CASC (BITTAMORE, JOSEPH)
SUBJECT: W/W JOSEPH L. DITTAMORE

REF: (A) STATE 129913, (B) RIO 2447, (C) BRIDGETOWN 1292,
(D) BUENOS AIRES 3901

1. SENATORS STEVENSON AND MORGAN INTERESTED.
2. U.S. NAVAL ATTACHE AND CONSULAR OFFICERS CHECKED WITH THEIR CONTACTS IN BUENOS AIRES, SUCH AS ARGENTINE NAVAL AND COAST GUARD AUTHORITIES, AND BRITISH EMBASSY OFFICERS, WHO IN TURN ALSO CONTACTED THEIR BRAZILIAN AND CHILEAN NAVY ATTACHE COUNTERPARTS.
3. UNFORTUNATELY, NONE OF THE ABOVE SOURCES COULD PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON CREW AND THE MISSING VESSEL "EN AVANT", EXCEPT THAT ARGENTINE NAVY AUTHORITIES CONFIRMED FROM THEIR RECORDS THAT "EN AVANT" DEPARTED FROM RIO DE JANEIRO ON NOV 1.

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4. CURRENT WHEREABOUTS OF THE VESSEL AND CREW ARE UNKNOWN. ON JUNE 8, BRITISH EMBASSY OFFICER REPORTED TO CONSULAR OFFICER THERE IS A PRESUMPTION THAT THE VESSEL MAY HAVE SUNK IN AN UNKNOWN AREA SINCE THERE HAS BEEN NO COMMUNICATION FROM THE VESSEL FOR OVER A 7-MONTH PERIOD. HOWEVER, NO PROOF HAS BEEN FURNISHED

TO DATE TO CONFIRM OR REFUTE THIS PRESUMPTION. ARGENTINE
NAVAL AUTHORITIES ARE STILL CONTINUING THEIR SEARCH IN
ATTEMPT TO LOCATE "EN AVANT".

5. BRITISH EMBASSY OFFICER FURTHER INFORMED US THAT
ALL INFORMATION ON THIS CASE HAS BEEN TRANSMITTED TO
U.K. FOREIGN COMMONWEALTH OFFICE IN LONDON FOR COMPILATION
AND ANALYSIS.

6 FOR EMBASSY LONDON: COULD YOU KINDLY CHECK WITH U.K.
FOREIGN COMMONWEALTH OFFICE IN LONDON TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER
IT HAS ANY INFORMATION, OR ADDITIONAL LEADS, WHICH COULD BE
HELPFUL IN ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE "EN AVANT" CREW MEMBERS AND
VESSEL?
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